<u>Claims</u>

1. A compound of the general formula I:
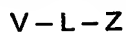
$$V - L - Z \qquad \text{Formula I}$$

or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein V is a non-peotidic vector having affinity for the Angiotensin II receptor L is a bond, a spacer or a linker moiety and Z represents a moiety detectable in an *in vivo* imaging procedure of a human or animal body.

2. A compound according to claim 1 wherein V is Losartan, Valsartan, Candesartan, Eprosartan or derivatives thereof.

3. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims where Z is a chelating agent of Formula II carrying an imageable moiety M
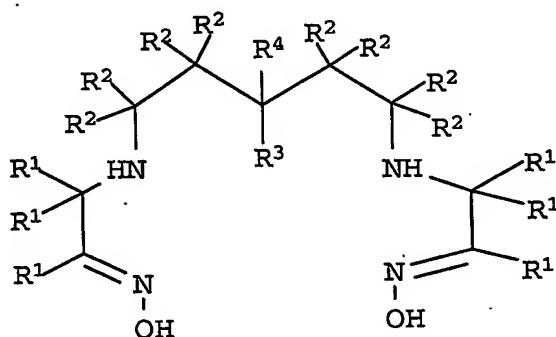

(II)

where:

each R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 is independently an R group;

each R group is independently H or C_{1-10} alkyl, C_{3-10} alkylaryl, C_{2-10} alkoxyalkyl, C_{1-10} hydroxyalkyl, C_{1-10} alkylamine, C_{1-10} fluoroalkyl, or 2 or more R groups, together with the atoms to which they are attached form a carbocyclic, heterocyclic, saturated or unsaturated ring.

4. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims where Z is a chelating agent of formula e carrying an imageable moiety M

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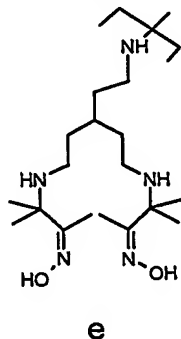
5. A compound as claimed in any of the previous claims wherein Z comprises an imaging moiety wherein the imaging moiety comprises metal radionuclides, paramagnetic metal ions, fluorescent metal ions, choromophores, heavy metal ions or cluster ions.

6. A compound as claimed in claims 3-5 wherein the imaging moiety comprises ^{90}Y, ^{99m}Tc, ^{111}In, ^{47}Sc, ^{67}Ga, ^{51}Cr, ^{177m}Sn, ^{67}Cu, ^{167}Tm, ^{97}Ru, ^{188}Re, ^{177}Lu, ^{199}Au, ^{203}Pb, ^{141}Ce or ^{18}F.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of a compound of general Formula (I) or a salt thereof, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, excipients or diluents for use in enhancing image contrast in *in vivo* imaging or for treatment of a disease.

8. Use of a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6 in the preparation of a contrast medium for use in a method of diagnosis involving administering said contrast medium to a human or animal body and generating an image of at least part of said body.

9. A method of generating images of a human or animal body involving administering a contrast agent to said body, and generating an image of at least a part of said body to which said contrast agent has distributed, characterised in that said contrast agent comprises a compound as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6.

10. A method of generating enhanced images of a human or animal body previously administered with a contrast agent composition comprising a compound as claimed in claims 1 to 6, which method comprises generating an image of at least part of said body.